

I. (12 points) Read the texts below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

School punishment

The use of corporal punishment in schools has all but disappeared worldwide. In the UK, the last time a pupil could get the (1).... was in 1998 in (2).... schools and its use was banned in the non-fee-paying government schools twelve years earlier in 1986. Nowadays, the (3).... of punishments available to teachers is still getting smaller. Teachers can still put a child in (4).... for an hour after school, but they cannot make him write (5).... as this is seen as not pedagogically sound. Instead, he may be told to pick up litter from the school (6).... or clean graffiti off classroom furniture. Another option is to send a disruptive pupil to see the head which usually entails little more than another telling (7).... Occasionally, in extreme cases such as the (8).... of younger pupils, the offender can be given a temporary or permanent (9).... It is a little ironic that often the punishment for persistent absence or (10).... is also removal of the pupil from the school.

Recently, however, an increasing number of parents in the UK have started demanding that schools be allowed to start using physical punishment once more. They feel that the only (11).... strong enough to stop children misbehaving is the fear of being made to bend over and take six of the best in front of the whole school at daily (12)....

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| 1. | A) whip | B) bamboo | C) stick | D) cane |
| 2. | A) public | B) rich | C) costly | D) exclusive |
| 3. | A) range | B) rage | C) arrow | D) divert |
| 4. | A) restriction | B) inclusion | C) detention | D) retention |
| 5. | A) phrases | B) sentences | C) lines | D) repeats |
| 6. | A) land | B) grounds | C) area | D) outline |
| 7. | A) off | B) out | C) tale | D) into |
| 8. | A) harming | B) hurting | C) bullying | D) caressing |
| 9. | A) removal | B) refusal | C) expulsion | D) exclusion |
| 10. | A) bunking | B) truancy | C) joyriding | D) skimming |
| 11. | A) coercion | B) terror | C) incentive | D) deterrent |
| 12. | A) assembly | B) meet-up | C) get-together | D) gathering |

II. (15 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word.

LIKE CAT AND DOG

People have long been divided (1)..... dog-lovers and cat-lovers, although I should add that for many people neither animal inspires much emotion (2)..... way. The differences between cats and dogs are obvious, so can a love of one or the other really tell us anything (3)..... a person?

Cats are decidedly more independent than dogs and (4)..... less social. This is seen in the wild, (5)....., apart from lions, all the big cats live solitary lives. Dogs, on the other hand, are essentially pack animals and (6)..... a clear leader or hierarchy if they are to function properly. A cat will show little or (7)..... gratitude for its food and shelter, whereas dogs have been (8)..... to pine to death on the graves of their owners.

So, is it fair to say that cat-lovers are more independent and dog-lovers more slavishly devoted? It would appear (9)..... In fact, it appears that those who own dogs are more likely to be leaders in the human world as well as top dog in (10)..... own private pack. Cat-lovers, by contrast, allow themselves to be (11)..... for granted and, for want of a better word, used (12)..... those around them.

It is not yet clear to (13)..... use this information could be put, but it is certain that if you are interviewing (14)..... a management position, you will be more likely to find a suitable candidate among the dog-lovers, especially (15)..... who favour the larger, more aggressive breeds.

III. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same and using the word in capitals. You must not change the word in capitals.

1. Students must never leave their things unattended in the classroom.

ACCOUNT

On _____ their things unattended in the classroom.

2. It's a shame we didn't see the exhibition.

HAD

We wish _____ the exhibition.

3. I'll talk to her first, then I'll think about it.

WHEN

I'll think about it _____ to her about it.

4. What he did next really surprised us. **ABACK**
We _____ by what he did next.
5. They were probably astonished when hearing the news. **BEEN**
They _____ when hearing the news.
6. Sally decided not to stay at home alone and went to a party. **INSTEAD**
Sally went to a party _____ at home alone.
7. It is reported that he is now recovering in hospital. **RECOVERY**
He is reported _____ in hospital now.
8. 'Have you seen my notebook, Lucy?', Nick asked. **SEEN**
Nick asked Lucy _____ his notebook.
9. 'I have forgotten about her birthday', Paul apologized. **FOR**
Paul _____ about her birthday.
10. Janice soon recovered from her illness. **GET**
It _____ her illness.

IV. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and complete the tasks:

I have just come home after viewing some astonishing works of art that were recently discovered in Church Hole cave in Nottinghamshire. They are not drawings, as one would expect, but etchings, and they depict a huge range of wild animals. (1)_____ First of all, their sheer number is staggering: there are ninety all told. Moreover, fifty-eight of them are on the ceiling. This is extremely rare in cave art, according to a leading expert, Dr. Wilbur Samson of Central Midlands University. 'Wall pictures are the norm', he says. 'But more importantly, the Church Hole etchings are an incredible artistic achievement. They can hold their own in comparison with the best found in continental Europe. 'I am not a student of the subject, so I have to take his word for it. (2)_____

In fact, it is the wider significance of the etchings that is likely to attract most attention in academic circles, since they radically alter our view of life in Britain during this epoch. It had previously been thought that ice-age hunters in this country were isolated from people in more central areas of Europe, but the Church Hole images prove that ancient Britons were part of a culture that had spread right across the continent. (3)_____

News of such exciting discoveries spreads rapidly, and thanks to the Internet and mobile phones, a great many people probably knew about this discovery within hours of the initial expedition returning. As a result, some etchings may already have been damaged, albeit inadvertently, by eager visitors. (4)_____

An initial survey of the site last year failed to reveal the presence of the etchings. The reason lies in the expectations of the researchers. They had been looking for the usual type of cave drawing or painting, which shows up best under direct light. Consequently, they used powerful torches, shining them straight onto the rock face. (5)_____ Having been fortunate to see them at this hour, I can only say that I was deeply-and unexpectedly-moved. While most cave art often seems to have been created in a shadowy past very remote from us, these somehow convey the impression that they were made yesterday.

(Jane Howard, *The Beauties of the Stone Age*)

A. Five sentences have been removed from the text. Select the appropriate sentence for each gap in the text. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. 10 points

- A. In a regrettably late response, the site has been cordoned off with a high, rather intimidating fence, and warning notices have been posted.
- B. Dr. Samson feels that the lighting factor provides important information about the likely function of these works of art.
- C. The artists who created them lived around 13,000 years ago, and the images are remarkable on a variety of accounts.
- D. However, you do not have to be an expert to appreciate their beauty.
- E. And they were at least as sophisticated culturally as their counterparts on the mainland.
- F. However, the Church Hole images are modifications of the rock itself, and show up best when seen from a certain angle in the natural light of early morning.

B. For the following questions, choose the answer (A, B, C, D) which fits according to the text. 8 points

1. According to the text, the images in Church Hole are:
 - A. particularly beautiful cave paintings
 - B. superior in quality to other cave art in Britain
 - C. aesthetically exceptional
 - D. unique examples of ceiling art
2. What is the cultural significance of these images?
 - A. They reveal the existence of a single ice-age culture in Europe.
 - B. They indicate that people from central Europe had settled in Britain.
 - C. They prove that ancient Britons hunted over large areas.
 - D. They suggest that people in Europe were more sophisticated than Britons.
3. What does the writer say about the discovery of the images being made public?
 - A. Many people visited the cave within hours of its discovery.
 - B. The images in the cave are vulnerable to damage.
 - C. The measures taken to protect the images have proved ineffective.
 - D. The discovery of the images should not have been made public.
4. What did the initial survey do?
 - A. revealed the presence of the etchings
 - B. met the researchers' expectations
 - C. failed to reveal the presence of the etchings
 - D. it was no survey

V. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals below to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them.

1-GO 2-TECHNOLOGY 3-COMPANY 4-QUESTION 5-ASSUME 6-COMPLETE 7-DESTROY 8-OVERWHELM 9-BE 10-SIMPLE

The way we perceive science has (1).....radical changes in the last hundred years. An enormous (2)..... explosion, (3).....by increasing anxiety about the environment and the moral implications of economic growth, has (4).....placed science at the centre of public debate.

The twentieth century began with a challenge to the (5)..... that human knowledge was approaching (6)..... It will come, perhaps, as a surprise to all of us to realize that the emergence of this highly (7).....process came both from within and outside science. New scientific theories (8)..... reveal the limitations of the old perspective. We had thought that the world, understood through the medium of rational (9)....., was, indeed, the real world. Now we realize that this was no more than a (10)..... that just happened to work.

VI. (25 points) Write a 8-10 line paragraph in which you give your opinion on: ‘*There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance.*’

SCRIETI RASPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RASPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARATI TOATE SPATIILE NECOMPLETATE. TIMP DE LUCRU: 3 ORE. NU SE ACORDA PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.

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VARIANTA 1**

I. (12 puncte)

1-D 2-A 3-A 4-C 5-C 6-B 7-A 8-C 9-D 10-B 11-D 12-A

II. (15 puncte)

**1-into 2-either 3-about 4-much/considerably/decidedly 5-where 6-need/require 7-no 8-seen/known
9-not 10-their 11-taken 12-by 13-what 14-for 15-those**

III. (20 puncte)

- 1... no account must students leave
- 2..... we had seen
- 3.... .when I have talked
- 4.....were taken aback....
- 5.... must have been astonished.....
- 6.... instead of staying....
- 7.... to be making a recovery....
- 8.... if/whether she had seen....
- 9.... apologized for forgetting....
- 10..... did not take Janice long to get over....

IV. (18 puncte)

- A. 1-C 2-D 3-E 4-A 5-F**
B. 1-C 2-A 3-B 4-C

V. (10 puncte)

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| 1. undergone | 6. completion |
| 2. technological | 7. destructive |
| 3. accompanied | 8. overwhelmingly |
| 4. unquestionably | 9. being |
| 5. assumption | 10. simplification |

VI. (25 points)

NOTA: Pentru punctele II si III se accepta orice varianta posibila corecta.